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Construction of the Veseliy floodgate and interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plants at Veseliy and Proletarsk will be undertaken next. The Manych Waterway will also be made clear for ship traffic as far as Dinnye in Stavropol' Kray -- 380 kilometers from Rostov-on-Don.

RSSSR SMALL RIVERS ADMINISTRATION PREPARES FOR HARVEST -- Krasnyy Flot, No 130, 4 Jun 49

The Administration of Utilization of Small Rivers for Transport RSSSR is preparing for the fruit and grain harvest shipping season. The shipping fleet has received many new Diesel tugs and barges. Thousands of tons of grain, vegetables, fruits, millions of tons of fertilizer, construction materials, industrial goods, fuel, etc. will be shipped on RSSSR small rivers this year.

RIVER CHANNELS NEED BETTER SUPERVISION -- Rechnoy Transport, No 50, 24 Jun 49

During the present navigation season, unfavorable weather conditions and the early arrival of summer, as well as a lack of water, have complicated the job of keeping river channels clear and posting warnings at potential danger points. However, those responsible for supervising river channels have failed in many cases to insure safe transit for the increased volume of river traffic.

Especially lax are the Dnepr Basin Channel Administration, which has not done the necessary work on the Kiev-Dnepropetrovsk Line, and the channel administration responsible for the Mory'-P-ipyat' Mouth Line. The increased accident rate has hindered the fulfillment of the river transport plan considerably. Three ships have gone aground on the Dnevskiy sandbank in the Dnepr. In some cases accidents have resulted from discrepancies between the figures marked on warning posts at danger points and the actual profile of the river.

RIVER STEAMSHIPS SAVE FUEL -- Rechnoy Transport, No 50, 24 Jun 49

The following river fleet ships achieved the best results in saving fuel during May while completing their assignments: The Ruslan (captain, Bukayev) saved 13 tons of fuel oil; the Saratov (captain, Malakhov) saved 28 tons of fuel oil; the Budenny (captain, Turutin) saved 21 tons of fuel oil; the Grinevitskiy (captain, Morozov) saved 15 tons of fuel oil; the Bashkir (captain, Silayev) saved 30 tons of coal; the Prednout (captain, Kirilin) saved 30 tons of coal; the Kuznets (captain, Galkin) saved 61 tons of coal; the Rudnev (captain, Komissarov) saved 71 tons of coal; and the Tatarsiya (captain, Sedyshev) saved 23 tons of motor fuel.

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